(d) the States that have helped Maharashtra in supplying the power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) According to Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL), they are purchasing power from other States through power traders at higher rate.

(b) Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. (MSGPCL) proposes to add 3,675 MW by way of new capacity addition and replacement of existing units which have completed more than 30 years of operation. MSGPCL is in the process of tying up of basic inputs and obtaining statutory clearances required for these projects.

(c) NTPC proposes to set up the Mauda Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW) in Mauda Tehsil of Nagpur District, Maharashtra. Action has been initiated for obtaining necessary clearances including from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and acquisition of land. Public hearing for NOC from SPCB (Maharashtra) has been held on 18th June, 2007. Action has also been initiated for obtaining Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests. The project is expected to be commissioned during the Eleventh Plan period.

(d) According to the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., power traders have sourced power for Maharashtra mainly from West Bengal, Orissa, Sikkim and Kerala.

Delayed power projects

2226. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/public sector power generation projects are lagging behind their schedules;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(d) the escalation in cost due to delay, project-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the scenario?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) The position is being ascertained and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Power failure in Delhi

2227. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was power failure in many parts of Delhi and it took upto 12 hours and even more by the private companies responsible for distribution of power in the city to rectify the faults;

(b) whether Government are aware that the concerned power companies have cut their work force required for the purpose and have also inadequate recovery vans, which causes serious delays in rectifying the faults; and